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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 31st March 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 31st March 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report, 280 carts of ragi and 10 carts of paddy and 150 bags of horse gram came into the bazaar as against 304 carts of ragi and 53 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 75 to Rs. 82 per cart during the week against Rs. 76 to Rs. 85 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers to buy.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their Depots.

Mysore City.—No change in the situation.

Bangalore District.—Except for a small shower of rain measurable in cents in Kankanhalli, Dodballapur, Nelamangala and Devanhalli, there was no rainfall during the week under report.

Threshing of ragi is still going on in Bangalore and Closepet. The standing crops of sugar-cane and *Vaisakhi* paddy are reported to be in good condition.

Ragi is selling at 6½ to 9 seers a rupee, while local rice sells at 3¾ to 4¼ seers a rupee. Burma rice is being sold at 4½ to 4¾ seers a rupee.

There is sufficient stock of Burma rice on hand and arrangements are being made to sell it freely to the public.

The supply of ragi to the markets is fairly satisfactory.

Mysore District.—No change in the situation. Markets are well supplied, but prices are high. Prices are not likely to come down for a considerable time.

Tumkur District.—The situation continues as hitherto. There is no material change in the prices of staple food grains. Demand for Burma rice remains as before and it is being sold at 4½ seers a rupee wherever there are depots. Two hundred more bags of rice have been applied for, for the Gubbi Depot. There is sufficient stock in other depots to last for a month.

Kolar District.—There is no change in the food situation.

Hassan District.—Markets were generally well supplied with food grains, but the supply of ragi is still not so good as rice.

Rice and paddy continued to be exported from important santes to Bangalore and other places in the State.

Standing crops, *viz.*, *Kar* paddy and sugar-cane are in a good condition.

Prices still continue to be high, but the price of ragi in Hole-Narsipur, Arsikere and Arkalgud Taluks is showing a slightly downward tendency.

Prospects are generally good for the present.

Shimoga District.—There has been no material change in the food situation in the district excepting that there has been slight relaxation in the prices.

Kadur District.—Necessary food stuffs were available in all the markets at the usual high prices. The price of rice remained stationary, while that of ragi showed a slight improvement at Tarikere and Koppa. It was sold at Tarikere at 12 seers a rupee as against 10 seers in the previous week. The Amildar of Koppa reports that paddy is being exported from his taluk to the Shimoga District. Paddy is being harvested at Narasimharajapura and is estimated to yield 12 annas.

Chitaldrug District.—There has been no material change in the food situation during the week under report. The prices are stationary.

Government gram depots for the sale of Burma rice opened in Davangere, Harihar, Holalkere, Hosdurga and Molakalmuru Taluks during last month continue.

General (By Food Controller).—The markets are adequately supplied and the price of ragi is reported to show signs of decline in several districts.

The grain market in the Bangalore City is dull. There are large stocks on hand and demand is slack.

The Government of India have removed inter-provincial restrictions on the movement of rice in British India. This means that we can import rice freely from Madras, Bengal and other parts of India, while exports continue to be prohibited.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Amendment of the Land Improvement Loans Regulation.

READ—

Letter No. C. 1351, dated 3rd March 1920, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending that the concluding portion of the explanation to Rule II of the Rules under the Land Improvement Loans Regulation, *viz.*, *"Such loans shall, however, be for distinct purposes and be covered by separate and independent security"* be so amended as to allow of more than one loan being given on the same security provided the aggregate amount of loans sanctioned on such security does not exceed three-fourths of the value of the security itself and that a provision be also added to the rules whereby on default of repayment of one loan, the amount of the other loans granted on the same security shall be recovered at once by coercive processes even though the time of repayment of such other loans has not yet arrived.

ORDER No. R. 11333-44—R. M. 53-19-2, DATED 29TH MARCH 1920.

The Revenue Commissioner's recommendation is approved.

2. The explanation to the rule referred to above as amended will read as follows:—

Explanation.—"An officer is not precluded by this rule from granting several loans on the same security to the same individual, although the aggregate amount thereof may exceed the maximum prescribed. Such loans which may be covered by the same security shall however be for distinct purposes and shall not exceed in the aggregate three-fourths of the value of the property pledged as security. On default of repayment of any one of such loans, the amount of the other loans granted on the same security shall be liable to be recovered at once by coercive processes even though they are not due."

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government, through the Financial Secretariat.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Director of Agriculture in Mysore.
The Secretary, Economic Development Board.

Amendments to the Revenue Manual.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 3810-19—L. R. 75-16-6, dated 11th October 1917, authorizing Deputy Commissioners to sanction the remission of irrecoverable arrears of revenue in all cases where the amount involved is not more than Rs 50.

2. Letter No. C. 2466, dated 10th March 1920, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting a draft of amendments to the Revenue Manual necessitated by the above order.

ORDER No. R. 11440-500—L. R. 243-19-4, DATED 7TH APRIL 1920.

The accompanying draft amendments submitted by the Revenue Commissioner are approved.

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Comptroller, Mysore Government.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Heads of Departments.

AMENDMENTS.

Power delegated.	*Amendments.*
Power to Deputy Commissioners to sanction remission of irrecoverable arrears of revenue not exceeding Rs. 50 in each case.	1. Insert the words "in all cases where the amount involved is more than Rs. 50," between the words "Revenue" and "submitting." occurring in clause VI of para 7 (page 4 of the Mysore Revenue Manual). 2. Insert the following new paragraph as paragraph 7 on page 19 of the Mysore Revenue Manual as modified by Government Order No. R. 6125-85—L. R. 243-19-1, dated 26th November 1919, and renumber the existing 7th paragraph as 8th paragraph. "The Deputy Commissioners are authorised to sanction the remission of irrecoverable arrears of revenue in all cases where the amount involved is not more than Rs. 50, submitting to the Revenue Commissioner Quarterly Statements of the same." (Government Order No. R. 3810-9—L. R. 75-16-6, dated 11th October 1917.)